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In re the Application of **Barker et al**

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Please cancel claims 3,4,6 and 7.

Please amend claims 1,2,5 and 8 and add claims 9-20, as set forth below. A marked-up copy of the claims is provided in Attachment A to show the amendments to the claims.

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1. A medical device, comprising:
 - a hollow housing;
 - a needle having a sharpened tip projecting forwardly from the housing;
 - a biasing element biasing the needle rearwardly;
 - a needle retainer releasably retaining the needle against the rearward bias of the biasing element;
 - a flexible shield fixedly attached to the housing, projecting forwardly from the housing;
 - the shield having a forward edge and being configured for insertion into a patient;
 - the shield sheathing the needle such that in a projecting position, the sharpened tip of the needle projects beyond the forward edge of the shield, and in a retracted position the sharpened tip is enclosed within the shield;

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